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BANJUL 413

FOR FBO DIRECTOR WARLOW
AF/EX DIRECTOR BRADFORD

1. DEPT RESPONSE TO BANJUL REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO
NEGOTIATE LONG TERM LEASE FOR RESIDENCE GIVES ME SERIOUS CONCERN
THAT WE NOT ONLY MAY LOSE OPPORTUNITY TO GUARANTEE CONTINUED USE
OF PROPERTY AT EXTREMELY REASONABLE RATES, BUT EVEN RISK LOSS
OF INCOMPARABLE LOCATION AND PERFECTLY ADAPTED HOUSE. WITH RAPID
GROWTH NUMEROUS TOURIST HOTELS AND HOMES IN FAJARA AREA,
PROPERTY
VALUES RISING PRECIPITOUSLY AND SUITABLE SITES GROWING
SCARCE. OURS IS OUTSTANDING FROM STANDPOINT REPRESENTATION, OPERATIONS

AND HABITATION. I MIGHT ALSO POINT OUT THAT WHILE DEPTTEL REFERS
TO PROPERTY AS "CHARGE RESIDENCE", IT SERVES DUAL PURPOSE
WHILE AMBASSADOR ON MONTHLY STAYS IN THE GAMBIA, DURING
WHICH PERIODS ADEQUATE SPACE MUST BE AVAILABLE ACCOMMODATE TWO
FAMILIES.

2. I BELIEVE GOTG IS BEING VERY GENEROUS AND COOPERATIVE IN
ENDEAVORING TO ASSURE US RETENTION OF SUCH VALUABLE AND COVETED
PROPERTY. IF WE DELAY NEGOTIATIONS, OTHER CONTENDERS MAY WIN OUT, OR
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RENTAL TERMS MAY VERY POSSIBLY BE RAISED.

3. REALIZE THAT WE CANNOT YET COMMIT FY 74 MONEY,BUT SINCE ALL
LEASES SUBJECT AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, I WOULD THINK THERE IS
LITTLE RISK AND DISTINCT ADVANTAGE IN NEGOTIATING LEASE IN
PRINCIPLE JUST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. REQUEST, THERFORE, FBO RECONSIDER RESPONSE AND AUTHORIZE
CHARGE TO NAGOTIATE WITH GOTG.
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